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Subject: Mats Mats Quarry Proposal

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Reference: The Mats Mats Quarry Proposal / DNR SEPA FILE NO. 00-042001

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

As property owners who are planning to start construction next month on our home on our property at 920 Olympus Boulevard, we continue to be concerned about the impact of Glacier Northwest's expansion plans on neighboring property owners, the surrounding community and wildlife habitats.

We purchased our property in 1995 with the understanding the Mats Mats Quarry was approaching the maximum mining depth and would be ceasing operations in the near future. We did not expect they would seek to expand their operation.

Approximately 68 years ago when the Quarry was given permits to mine the property, environmental regulations were much different than they are today. At that time, under more lenient regulations, the Quarry wasn't permitted to mine below +/- 1 foot sea level. Therefore, we cannot imagine why, under today's more strictly enforced regulations, mining to a depth of -30 or -60 feet MLLW would be considered.

Much has changed in the surrounding areas in the past 30 years. The number of residents living in the Mats Mats Bay area has increased dramatically and they have already been adversely affected by current operations in the form of noise, vibration, dust and increased truck traffic. It is disturbing to imagine the impact further expansion will have on the community.

The Mats Mats Bay area is unique. There is nothing like it in Jefferson County. As you are aware, Mats Mats Bay is a nesting area for eagles, herons and other wildlife and it seems unconscionable to jeopardize these wildlife habitats.

It appears the Quarry has fulfilled its usefulness. Now is the time to take a stand. The DNR should not allow the Quarry to mine beyond their current permit.

Sincerely,

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Response to Letter 15

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1. Comment acknowledged.
2. Comment acknowledged. Please refer to Chapter 3 of this Final EIS for discussion on environmental impacts and mitigation measures.
3. Comment acknowledged.